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1. (U) A/DCM presented reftel demarche on December 21 to Peter Huber, the Austrian MFA's DAS-level UN Director. A/DCM stressed the need to maintain the 22 percent ceiling, noting the significant level of U.S. financial contributions. We also addressed potential concerns about the U.S. response to the 2000 funding deal, noting that the U.S. cleared the arrears and made a voluntary contribution, as promised. We argued against the concept of "headquarters benefits," noting agreement on this question between the U.S. and Austria (which hosts the UN in Vienna).

2. (SBU) Huber said it seemed the U.S. was going to achieve its goals in the discussion of the scale of assessments. The 22 percent ceiling was no longer in doubt, he said. The remaining issue was the base period, and that would not block consensus. Huber commented that "the EU looks isolated," and is looking for "a face saving way out."  
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